

LINCOLN WATER COMMISSIONERS

JULY 8, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners was held at the Lincoln Water Commission Office with Commissioners Smith, Conklin, Kay, Pichette and Hadley present. Also present was Water Superintendent John S. Faile.

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Kay, A public hearing for the discussion of water rate changes was called to order. Mr. Jean Gagnon and Mr. Joseph Bastic were in attendance for the public hearing. The Superintendent informed the Board and guests of a rate increase from the Providence Water Supply Board and decreasing revenue in our own system. He stated that a rate increase will be necessary to revenue in order to accommodate expenditures. Questions from the guests and Board were answered and members of the Board expressed their appreciation to the residents for their input. Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Kay the Public Hearing adjourned at 6:15PM.

Chairman Smith called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To accept the minutes of the previous

meeting. APPROVED

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: That the Superintendent's Report for the month of June is accepted and ordered placed on file. APPROVED.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

A 2008/2009 fiscal year end financial report will be presented to the Board at the August meeting.

CREDIT REPORT

The Credit Report for the month of June will be placed on file.

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

A 2008/2009 fiscal year end statement of investments, encumbrances, and amounts available for capital projects will be presented at the August meeting.

MONTHLY INVOICES

**Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Kay, Accounts Payable in the amount of \$326,785.38 and Direct Payments in the amount of \$421,931.49 are approved for payment.
APPROVED**

ABATEMENTS

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, senior abatements of surcharges in the amount of \$343.52 were approved. The lengthy list of abatements will be attached to the minutes. APPROVED

ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Account Adjustment report will be placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) A notice of a Hearing of a motion for the filing of Bankruptcy by UTGR, d/b/a Twin River was presented to the Board for information. Line 4 of operational motions states "...Adequate Assurance of payment for future utility services..."

b) Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED to place the correspondence from Lincoln Finance director John Ward on file and to approve payment of the invoice from the Town of Lincoln Finance Department for services provided in the amount of \$12,162.12. APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS

a) The Superintendent informed the Board of his meeting with Mayor James Doyle and representatives from the City of Pawtucket to discuss regionalization of water districts in the Northern area of the State.

b) Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Kay, the 2009/2010 Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$3,078,815.00 is accepted as presented with the provision that the Budget will be revisited when a union contract is set in place.

APPROVED

c) The Superintendent informed the Board that the SRLF/ARRA is all prepared and ready for implementation when requested by the State Revolving loan Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED: To implement an 8% rate increase across the rate schedule as requested by the Providence Water Supply Board to be effective as of July 8, 2009. APPROVED

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Charter Review Subcommittee reported no changes.

b) The Labor negotiations Subcommittee reported no changes.

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To grant an acquisition of environmental easement and restrictive covenants to the Quinnville well field.

APPROVED

Discussion took place regarding concessions ratified by City of Cranston laborers. As reported by the Providence Journal on July 7,2009, focus was on “...a 2.9-percent raise that was due July 1 will wait until next July, and a .3-percent raise due next July 1 will wait until 2011. The revised contract would also save about \$44,000.00 a year by eliminating employee clothing allowances and about \$20,000 a year through higher copays, city officials said. The copay for urgent care visits would rise from \$10 to \$25 while the one for the emergency room visits would rise from \$50 to \$100, the copay for general practice and specialist visits would remain \$10. The City would also be allowed to reduce its contributions to a union pension fund and a union legal fund, and laborers would no longer be able to seek payment for unused vacation time”...

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED: To adjourn to executive session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-5a (1) – 9 to discuss personnel matters and legal contract negotiations at 7:19PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: to return to the regular meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To seal the minutes of the closed session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-7c.

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To adjourn at 8:06PM. APPROVED

The next meeting will be held on August 19th at 5:30 PM